



Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

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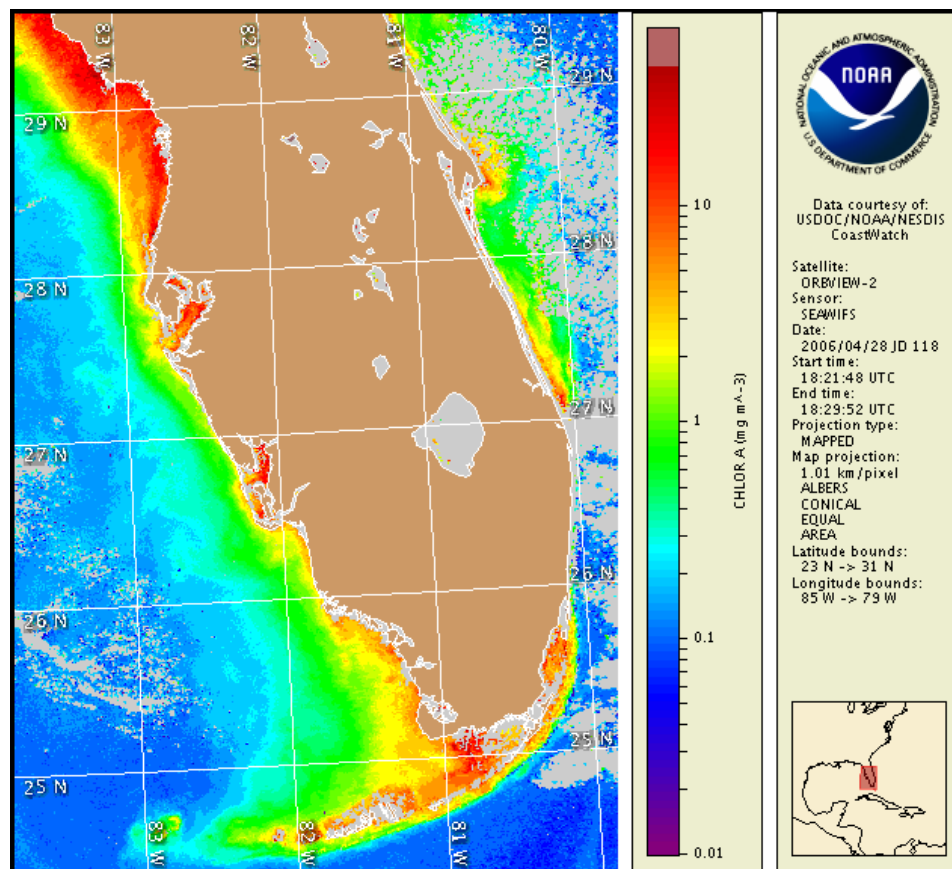
Conditions Report

No impacts are expected in any Florida Counties this week. Due to current harmful algal bloom inactivity, bulletins are issued each Monday, until conditions warrant continuance of twice weekly bulletins.

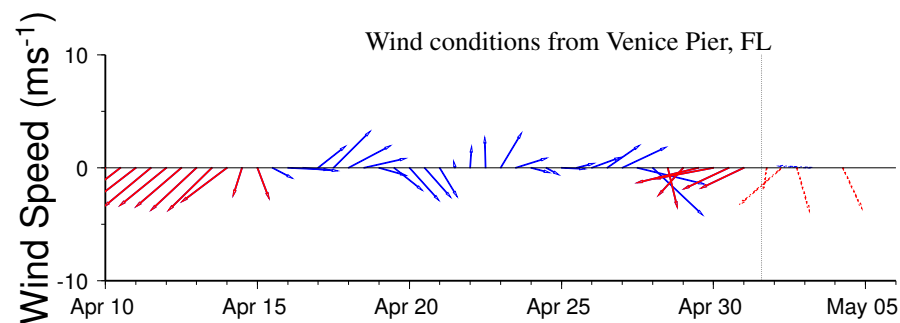
Analysis

Recent imagery does not indicate any harmful algal blooms along the Florida coast. Samples taken last week in Pinellas, Manatee, Sarasota, Collier and Monroe Counties contained no *Karenia brevis* (FWRI, 4/25-28). Many of these samples did contain non-harmful species. Reports of discolored water are possible this week. Forecasted conditions for this week are not favorable for harmful algal bloom formation.

~Fenstermacher & Keller



Satellite chlorophyll image with possible HAB areas shown by red polygon(s).

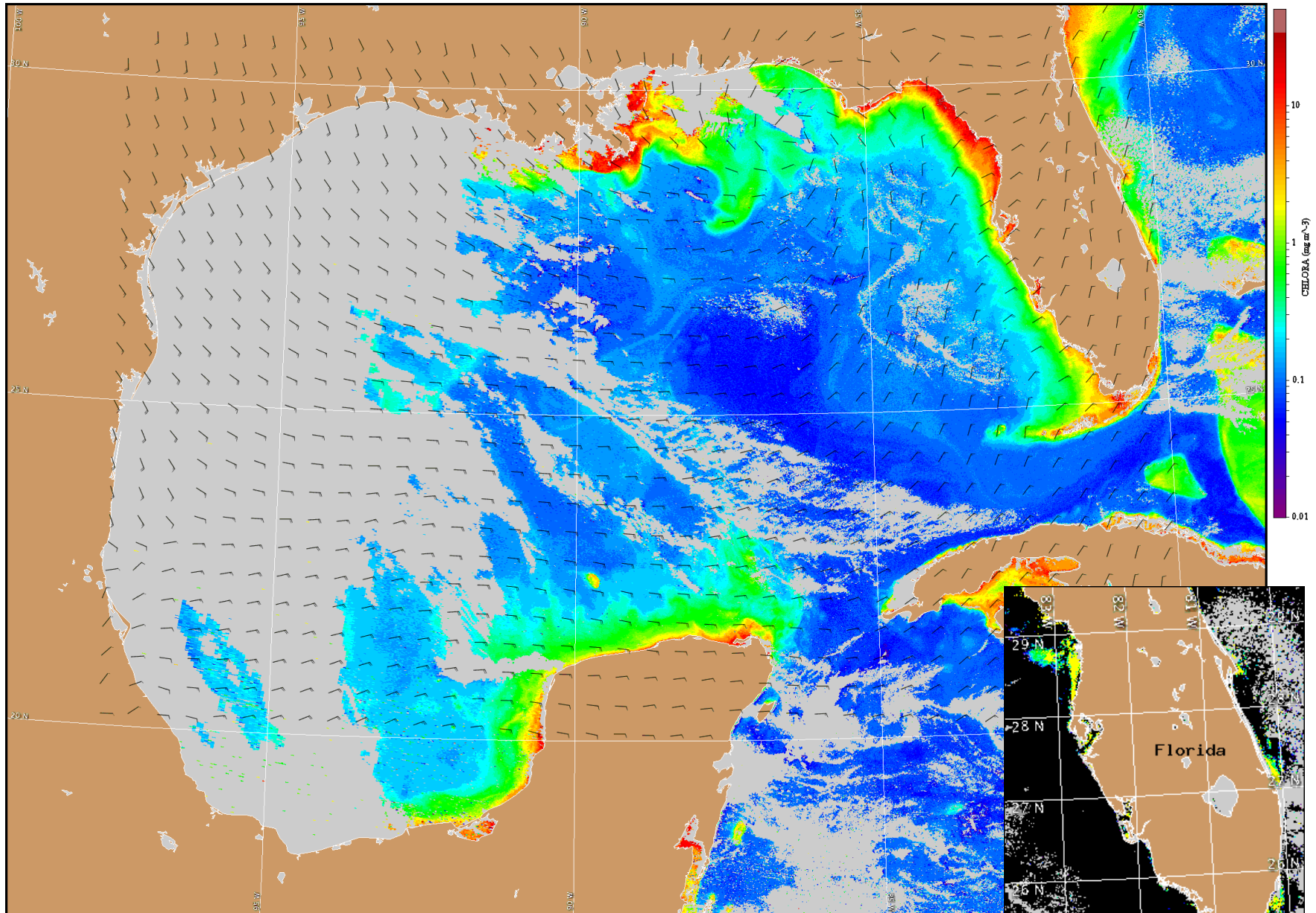


Wind speed and direction are averaged over 12 hours from buoy measurements. Length of line indicates speed; angle indicates direction. Red indicates that the wind direction favors upwelling near the coast. Values to the left of the dotted vertical line are measured values; values to the right are forecasts.

SW Florida: Northwest to northeasterlies winds today and tomorrow (5-15 knots; 3-8 m/s). Easterlies winds on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, shifting to southwest to westerlies in the afternoons (5-10; 3-5 m/s).

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Satellite chlorophyll image and forecast winds for May 2, 2006 06Z.

Verified HAB areas shown in red. Other bloom areas shown in yellow (see p. 1 analysis for interpretation).